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Whether to Quit**

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Smith is a former U.S. ambassador to Moscow and is personally well acquainted with President-elect Eisenhower, whom he served as chief of staff during World War II.

The CIA head has conducted his agency on a non-partisan basis throughout his tenure in the post.

During the recent political campaign when his discussion of possible Communist infiltration into his and other government agencies threatened to become a campaign issue, Smith personally communicated with the presidential candidates of both parties and successfully removed his agency from political contention.

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